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SCOTLAND'S PREMIER SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION



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Greetings and welcome to the latest progress report.

Things are starting to come together nicely. The programme is filling up but first off, I would like to announce that our Artist guest will be a very nice chap called FANGORN. Following the tradition established by Jim Burns, he has promised to put together a slide show and will also be bringing the original artwork for the British covers of the **MYTH** series, which will be on view in the art show. Just before going to press, we received confirmation from our other invited author DOUGLAS HILL, who will be joining us for the convention. Although he is a Canadian, he has lived in Britain for several years and as well as writing SF and being an avid fan of *FLASH GORDON*, he has reviewed SF for the *TRIBUNE*, where he was literary editor until 1983, long before most national papers acknowledged SF. His most acclaimed work was *THE LAST LEGIONARY QUINTET* and if you get the chance to read it, I guarantee you won't be disappointed! Other notables attending the con, who will no doubt be roped into the programme at some point, will be Peter Morwood, Diane Duane and Iain M. Banks.

This is the stage where a number of reminders have to be given:

- The closing date for memberships will be those postmarked **OCTOBER 15th**. Attending membership for the full weekend will be £35 at the door.
- Children aged 15yrs and under, must be accompanied/supervised by a responsible adult at all times. This will be enforced in programme areas when material being presented is classified as either 15 or 18.
- The closing date for hotel bookings received by post is **OCTOBER 15th**. After this date, should you require a room, please phone giving your name and booking details and I will endeavour to arrange things for you. Remember to give a contact phone number, so that confirmation can be given.

That is just about it. Still to come: details on getting to the con, news about the Writer's Workshop and much more!

See y'all in October.

Cuddles x

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WRITER's HOBNOB AT ALBACON!

Calling all SF&F writers!

There will be a Writer's HOBNOB at ALBACON. What is a HOBNOB? Well, a HOBNOB is neither a Writer's Workshop or a Writer's Circle. No, a HOBNOB is a crunchy biscuit with chocolate on top. Milk no sugar please.. No, I'm kidding, a HOBNOB as you all know is a chance to get together and chat endlessly with deviation, interruption or even the faintest flicker of boredom about writing - all kinds of writing.

ALBACON has promised us some space, sometime on Saturday, at which all SF&F writers are invited to gather. We'll do some instant descriptions and instant dialogues, generally chat and exchange stories about publishing, magazines, non-fiction and others. Please bring a pen, some paper, one photograph which has a special meaning to you and of course, your good selves.

Look forward to seeing you.

Sally Ann Melia

[Sally Ann Melia has run Writer's Workshops and Writer's Circles at many SF conventions. Her work, both fiction and non-fiction, has been published in the UK in INTERZONE, ALTERNATE WORLDS, ORION magazine as well as the BSFA publications]



SECURITY STATEMENT

The Justice Department will be responsible for implementing security measures during the convention weekend, including Thursday 20th October and Tuesday 25th October.

Their two most important duties will be:

- ensuring that attendees wear a badge visibly in any area of the convention.
- enforcing the convention weapons policy.

ALL bladed weapons must be peace bonded. Replicas and water pistols may not be loaded at any time. Weapons should not be pointed at anyone. Breaches of policy will result in your license being revoked and your toys confiscated. The Judge's decision, as to weapon classification and imposing a fine, is final!

In both these circumstances, the Judge's decision will be fully supported by the committee. **ANY** convention attendee who does not adhere to either of these policies or persistently challenges them, risks being expelled.

These security measures have been drawn up for the benefit of all parties involved, including con attendees. The committee cannot be held responsible for the loss/damage of personal items such as handbags, wallets, etc., but access to temporarily store valuable belongings in the convention's secure store, will be provided. All money raised from Weapon Permit applications and fines will be donated to the convention charities: **RNIB SPEAKING BOOKS FOR THE BLIND** and **THE SCOTTISH CHILDREN'S HOSPICE APPEAL (CHAS)**.

ADVERTISING IN THE CONVENTION PROGRAMME BOOK

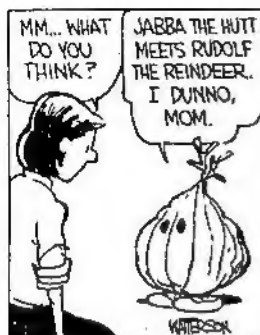
Adverts should be A4, camera ready for reduction to A5, and sent to the convention address, postmarked on or before October 2nd. Cheque/Postal Order should be made payable to ALBACON 94 - do not send cash - and if a receipt, include an SAE. Rates are as follows:

	FULL PAGE	1/2 page	1/4 page	COVER
PRO	£30	£20	£10	£40 (FULL PAGE ONLY)
FAN	£15	£10	£ 5	£20 (FULL PAGE ONLY)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In July, an all-week street festival was held in Falkirk town centre which had an American theme and as part of the many events, I was asked to organise some people in SF costumes to wander the streets and mingle with the public. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Green and the Klingon Assault Group, Jette Goldie and Eileen Hessian, for their efforts in making the day one to remember! I would also like to thank Jim Barker for putting my name forward to Alistair Mitchell, of Falkirk Town Centre Management.

For my own efforts, I was presented with an expenses cheque but I am only taking a quarter of its value: the rest is being donated to our charities. The Falkirk & District Town Centre Management logo will be printed with the RNIB and CHAS charity logos, in the programme book.



ATTENTION COSTUMERS & MASQUERADE ENTRANTS!

Just a quick word for those who like to dress up! As was announced in PR2, Glasgow's original SF&F bookshop, FUTURESHOCK, will be donating cash vouchers to be awarded to the BEST OF SHOW winner and the two BEST HALL COSTUME winners. These can be surrendered either in the dealer's room or at the shop in Byres Road. For the benefit of newcomers, HALL COSTUMES refers to those worn during the convention as 'casual wear', instead of the usual jeans & t-shirt! Hall costumes add color and glamour to the con and hopefully will encourage others to dress up. PARADE COSTUMES are those worn and displayed in the masquerade competition and many are too extravagant, impractical or delicate to be worn for long periods.

Costumes can only qualify in one category: either HALL or PARADE. Entry forms are available on request or on the day, to register for the masquerade. Please note that from now, completed forms should be returned to the convention address. Anne Page may not be able to attend, which means Cuddles will step in to host the competition (*unless anyone wants to volunteer....C*).

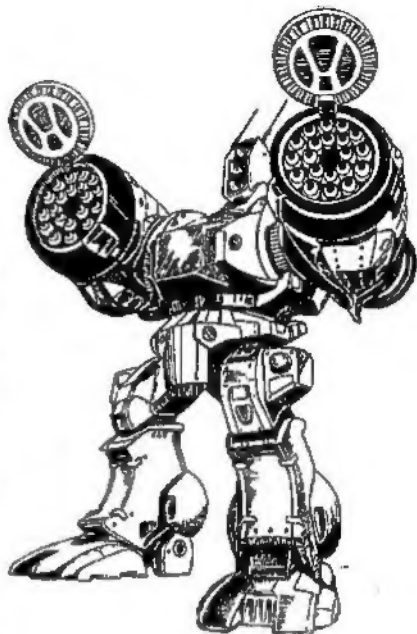
Note: entrants who have specific technical needs such as lighting, taped music etc, please get in touch with Sparks as soon as possible. Ta.

MECHFORCE UK[®] CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS

MECHFORCE UK[®] will be running two competitions at the convention. The first will be an open game for all **BATTLETECH[™]** players. The second game is open to **MECHFORCE UK[®]** members only and will be a free for all - to the last 'Mech! if you wish to play in the second game but you are not a member, you can join either at the con or by sending an application form. There is a fee of £2.50 per game (payable to **MECHFORCE UK[®]**), which is non-refundable but does guarantee a place if paid in advance. The option to register on the day will be available.

Competition and membership registration forms can be obtained by sending an SAE to the Gaming Co-ordinator, Ralph Harrold.

*[The **MECHFORCE UK[®]** representative, Bob Nicholls, will be in attendance with two other officials to supervise the smooth running of the Championships. **ALBACON** hopes all those taking part have a great time and may the best 'Mech win!]*



LASER QUEST 2000

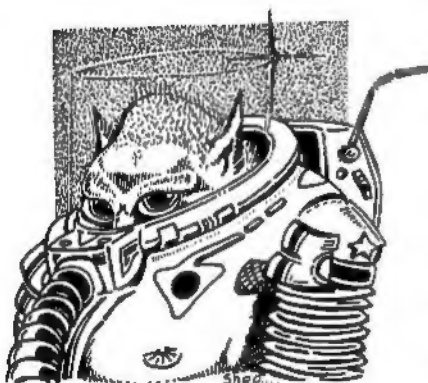
THE ULTIMATE SPACE & FANTASY LIVE COMBAT GAME.

One of Glasgow's popular gaming sites, **LASER QUEST 2000** is based in Argyle Street, which is about 10 minutes walk away from the hotel. Individuals or groups can wander the labyrinths of the moonbase or the crypt with trusty laser rifle in hand, stalking the enemy. Their aim: to win the game and get the highest score. Highly quality sound and lighting effects make it worthwhile.

Of course, getting there could just as challenging, especially for those who don't know what Argyle Street is like on a Saturday afternoon!

Convention attendees, provided they wear their badge, will be offered a game for £2 each. Games last about 20 minutes and those who want to have a group challenge are recommended to book in advance. Saturdays tend to be very busy! Further information will be available at the convention.

*[**ALBACON** is grateful to the manager for providing this special discount but remember - wear your badge or you'll pay more!]*



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS - ADVANCE NOTICE

FRIDAY: kicks off early, at 10am, when registration opens and the video rooms start their programmes. At noon, the MAIN programme opens with a classic Ray Harryhausen movie and the ALTERNATE programme opens at 1pm, with the first discussion presented by ASTRA (Association in Scotland to Research into Astronautics), titled *INCOMING!* An interesting follow-up to the Jupiter Collision. Hopefully, both the artshow and the dealers room will open in the afternoon. Other attractions: late night PETER JACKSON movie trilogy; A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO DRAGON POKER and the return of the infamous 2000 A.D. QUIZ.

SATURDAY: this is going to be a very busy day! Robert Asprin's guest talk, the masquerade and the Son Et Lumiere show! On top of all that, the video rooms offering everything from STAR TREK to non-stop GERRY ANDERSON classics plus The Scottish Society of Fantastic Films presenting some of the rarer stuff including the special edition of TERMINATOR 2 - JUDGEMENT DAY. Panels will include discussions on the enduring legends of Arthur and the Grail Knights, haunted sites in Glasgow and a presentation on UFO sightings in Scotland. Add to this, "ALL BLOODY NIGHT!" - a vampire movie fest to keep you awake until dawn.

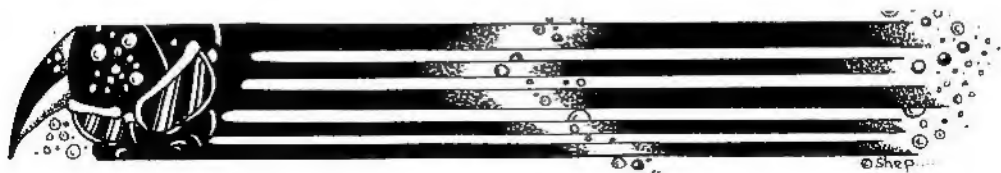
SUNDAY: FANGORN presents his slide show and discusses his work; the art auction dominates lunchtime and the STAR TREK QUIZ and DRINKING GAME will test even the most devout fan's knowledge. Movies will include ANGEL HEART and ALIEN. Authors attending the con will talk about their favourite books and why we should read them in the panel - A REALLY GOOD READ! - so don't miss it.

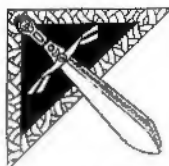
MONDAY: the weekend winds down with BUFFY doin' her stuff; the presentation of prizes and the BIG SEND OFF! You will also be given the opportunity to tell us what we should have/shouldn't have/did do, to make your weekend the fun it was, in the GRIPE SESSION.

OTHER NOTES

There will be a live role-playing game during the con, when 11 people struggle to stay human as Dracula stalks the hotel. Do *you* have what it takes or will he take what *he* wants?! Your life! If you want to take part, apply on arrival.

By public demand, assuming we can get a good band and willing demonstrators, there might just be a ceilidh at the convention. No guarantees can be given, but we will try our best, okay?!





SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR DEALERS

This is a reminder for those of you who have booked tables for the convention. Outstanding memberships either for yourself and/or helper(s), must be paid **BEFORE** the convention itself. Names of all those who will be working at the table(s) should also be notified to the committee before the con, so that they can receive the appropriate badge. This new policy is for security purposes, to avoid anyone trying to enter the room illegally. The allocation of tables will be on a first come, first served basis and whilst every attempt will be made to provide for all requests, prompt payment is the way to guarantee your booking and should be made **no later than 7th October 1994**. The committee is currently negotiating with the hotel to produce a permit, which will be used for parking access in Hope Street for off loading purposes. If this is approved, these permits will be issued within two weeks prior to the con.

The committee and the Justice Department would be most grateful of your full cooperation for the convention security procedures. Thank you.

ATTENTION ARTISTS!

Just a reminder, if you intend placing work in the show, can you please contact the Art Show coordinator, Alva Whyte, as soon as possible. Other news is that the ALBACON Print Shop will be making a welcome return. Those who are unable to send artwork but wish to present prints for sale, please contact us at the convention address. Prints should be marked with their selling price and 10% commission will be deducted from all sales. The committee is looking for a couple of gophers to run the printshop for us, so if you can help, contact Dougie Gaylor.

DUNGEON MASTERS & OTHER GAME ORGANISERS

If you wish to run a game at the convention, now is the time to reserve your place in the gaming rooms. Please remember, that these will not be available on Sunday, when the Mechforce Championships take place. Arrangements can be made for a limited number of games in THE TWILIGHT ZONE but this will be on a first come, first served basis! Make your plans known to the Gaming Coordinator, Ralph Harrold, as soon as possible!

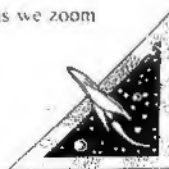
HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Although there are still a couple of months to go, this is when bookings flood in! There are still plenty available, including triples and quads, so as the book says "DON'T PANIC". If you do not have a booking form, phone Cuddles who will dispatch one immediately. We don't need to tell you that the rates are highly competitive to other cons, so why not take full advantage of them! Book yesterday!

LAST WORD & THANK YOU'S

Several people worthy of our eternal gratitude and other favours! Big hugs to Shep Kirkbride for the continued use of his artwork in convention publications. Also, a Galactic message will be transmitted to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, Tiger Hobbes, thanking him for the use of some of his personal snapshots of his Earth buddy, Calvin.

That's just about it for this publication! Nothing can stop us now [*cue. maniacal laughter!*] as we zoom towards the Central Hotel and we look forward to seeing you all in October!



HOW TO GET TO THE CONVENTION BY CAR, TRAIN, BUS AND OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT

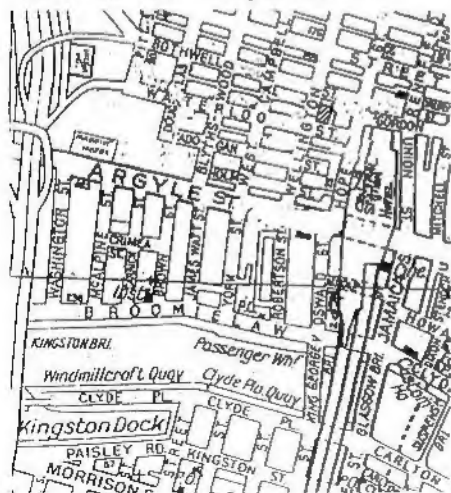
No matter where you live, or how you are travelling, getting to the convention is fairly easy, honest! Problems could arise if you are using levitation spells, mutant powers, dimensional gates or space faring craft! For the latter, please use the global map before referring to the detailed map.

FROM SPACE: head for the planetary system of the star known as Sol and establish a high orbit above the third planet (refer to the VOYAGER diagram if you possess a copy). Take all counter measures against detection - military types here tend to be trigger happy - and beware of artificial satellites, functional or derelict! ALBACON is taking place in Glasgow, which is situated on the west coast of Scotland, part of the island group known as GREAT BRITAIN.



BY PLANE: there is a direct bus service from Glasgow Airport to Buchanan Street Coach Station but, if you ask him nicely, the driver may let you off in Hope Street, literally on the hotel's doorstep. A black hackney cab could cost anything from £10 so unless you have a big budget to spend, take the bus! There are a number of car hire companies in the terminal building, again for bods with loadsamoney!

BY TRAIN: trains from the South terminate at Central Station and there is a hotel entrance directly off the concourse. Trains from the North, terminate at Queen Street Station and there is a bus service between the stations, although it would be just as quick to walk. The hotel is appoximately 10mins away. Local services (low level) from the East and West coasts, arrive at either/or Queen Street or Central Station. The Glasgow Underground, fondly known as "The Clockwork Orange", is simple and easy to use and can take visitors to a wide range of city sights including the Hunterian Museum at Glasgow University, Kelvingrove Art Galleries & Museum and the Transport Museum.



BY CAR (from Glasgow North and England): take the Clydebank & SECC exit at Junction 19 and turn left at the first lights into Argyle Street. Turn right at the 3rd traffic lights then 1st left and again 1st left, into Oswald Street. The NCP car park will be on your right. Take the next turning right for the entrance to the car park. The hotel is negotiating a cheap weekend rate for residents and there is a pedestrian access into the station concourse on the 5th level.

BY CAR (from Glasgow South and the airport): take the City Centre exit and take 4th right into Wellington Street. Go straight down towards the river, turning left into Broomielaw. Take first left into Oswald Street then the next left, to the entrance of the NCP car park.

MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF 1st AUGUST 1994

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49	Anderson	Graham	86	Grover	Steve	81	Neilson	Walter
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171	Bladen	Keith	172	Hutchinson	Tamsyn	72	Pirie	Christine
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28	Boyd	Colin F	176	Jezard	Neil	191	Rennie	Fred
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99	Darroch	Jim D	65	Mackie	Keith	166	Taylor	Emma
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39	Devine	Gary	131	Mason	Sue	138	Tidswell	Helen
153	Dixon	Chad	147	McCabe	Daniel	63	Toner	Paul
48	Donald	Elsie W K	45	McCafferty	Jill	132	Torrance	David W
89	Donaldson	Isla	76	McCann	Karen	21	Whitby	Elliot M
102	Donaldson	David R M	23	McCord	Iain	20	White	Alva
11	Drayton	Michelle S	165	McCulloch	David L	128	White	David
9	Duane	Diane	74	McFarlin	Sue	155	Whitehouse	Ian
167	Duffy	Liam	75	McFarlin	Wendy	40	Williamson	Neil
34	Easterbrook	Martin	88	McInally	Anna	105	Williamson	Grant
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